Application No. 10/721,386

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A belt drive system comprising:

first and second pulleys; and

a belt reeved over the first and second pulleys;

wherein the first pulley is loaded away from the second pulley in a pivoting fashion about a pivot point located so as to increase the drive capacity of the belt drive system and located with reference to a centerline between the first pulley and the second pulley and a theoretical intersection of the belt strands[[,]] such that application of torque to the first pulley in a first direction proportionally elevates average belt tension, while application of torque to the first pulley in the opposite direction proportionally decreases average belt tension.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Previously Presented) The belt drive system of claim 1 further comprising:
  - a drive motor on which the first pulley is mounted, the first pulley comprising a drive pulley;
  - a motor plate on which the drive motor is mounted and that is in turn attached to a frame of a device in which the motor is employed; and
  - a freely pivoting connection between the motor plate and the frame.